

WISCONSIN MEDICAID FACT SHEET



Healthy Start

Healthy Start is a Medicaid program that pays for health care for pregnant women, babies and children under 19 years of age. It covers most babies until they are one year of age, even if there is an increase in the family's income. You may apply even if you have other health insurance.

Covered Services

Healthy Start pays for:

- Doctor visits and hospital costs
- Prescription drugs
- Birth of a baby
- Other health care (including medical, dental, vision and counseling) for pregnant

women up to 60 days after the birth of the baby and for children up to age 19.

Eligibility for Healthy Start

Eligibility is based on the family's gross income before taxes and deductions (see chart). This includes income from all sources. Some families with higher incomes may still get Healthy Start if they pay for child care or have high medical costs.

A pregnant woman will have a review within 60 days after the birth of her child, to see if she may be eligible for another type of Medicaid.

There is no asset test for Healthy Start.



Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPL) Effective February 2006		
Family Size (Pregnant Woman counts as 2)	Pregnant Women and Children Under Age 6 (Monthly Income)	Children between 6-18 years of age (Monthly Income)
1	\$1,510.83	\$ 816.67
2	\$2,035.00	\$1,100.00
3	\$2,559.17	\$1,383.33
4	\$3,083.33	\$1,666.67
5	\$3,607.50	\$1,950.00
6	\$4,131.67	\$2,233.33
Each Additional Person	\$524.17	\$283.33

How to Apply

You can apply with your local Medicaid office in person, by telephone, mail or online at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. To find the local agency in your area, contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 or visit the Medicaid web site at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/contacts/index.htm>.

If you want to see if you might be able to get Healthy Start before you apply, visit ACCESS at access.wisconsin.gov.

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women is a Medicaid program that lets pregnant women get prenatal care benefits right away, even before they apply at the local agency. These benefits are temporary and if you want to continue to get benefits, you will still have to apply for Medicaid. “Qualified providers” can help determine if you will be able to get prenatal care benefits. They will also help you apply for Medicaid.

Contact your doctor or clinic and ask them if they participate in the presumptive eligibility for pregnant women program. If they do not participate, contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 and they will be able to help you find a provider in your area.

For More Information:

- Contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available),
- See the “Applying for Medicaid in Wisconsin” Fact Sheet at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/publications.htm> - [Fact Sheets](#)
- Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Hotline at 1-800-722-2295, a statewide, comprehensive 24-hour service. The MCH Hotline also provides information related to the following MCH Programs:
 - Birth-to-Three,
 - Children with Special Health Care Needs,
 - Family Planning,
 - HealthCheck,
 - Prenatal Care,
 - Prenatal Care Coordination,
 - Presumptive Eligibility,
 - Well Child Care, and
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The Department of Health and Family Services is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access this information in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, please contact (608) 266-3356 or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY). All translation services are free of charge.

For civil rights questions call (608) 266-9372 or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY).